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SUBJECT: UNRWA FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN.

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH FOLLOW-UP ACTION AMONG REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "WORKING GROUP ON UNRWA," TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO DOGAN TURKMEN HAS REQUESTED THE ADVICE OF EMBASSY ABOUT WHETHER IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO APPROACH THE GOM REGARDING THIS MATTER AT THE PRESENT TIME.

2. AS THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT IN HIS NOTE, MEXICO HAS RECENTLY SUFFERED A GREAT DEAL OF DAMAGE FROM FLOODS CAUSED BY ABNORMALLY HEAVY RAINFALL AND BY SEVERAL TROPICAL STORMS. DR. EDUARDO ECHEVERRIA, THE BROTHER OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND THE HEAD OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP OF THE UNDERSECRETARIAT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT OF HEALTH, RECENTLY CONFIDED TO THE EMBASSY THAT FLOOD DAMAGE IN MEXICO ALREADY AMOUNTS TO SOME 2-1/2 BILLION PESOS. CONSIDERING THE ABOVE, THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR WONDERED WHETHER IT WOULD BE OPPORTUNE TO REQUEST FUNDS FROM THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AT THE PRESENT TIME.

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3. THE EMBASSY IS OF THE OPINION THAT AN APPROACH TO THE

GOM ON THIS SUBJECT AT PRESENT MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS
INSENSITIVITY TO THE MAGNITUDE OF MEXICO'S FLOOD DISASTER.
SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE, WE PROPOSE TO REPLY TO
THE COMMUNICATION FROM THE TURKISH EMBASSY, INDICATING
OUR AGREEMENT THAT AN APPROACH TO THE GOM AT THIS TIME
WOULD NOT BE OPPORTUNE OR FRUITFUL.
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